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SUBJECT:REQUEST FOR SPEAKER ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

REF: A) MASERU 159; B) STATE 36625; C) MASERU 109

1. DEPT RECEIVED NEGATIVE RESPONSE FROM BRIMMER AND WILLIAMS, AND HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT OTHERS SUGGESTED. HOWEVER, WITH CALL TO PHELPS-STOKES FUND WE RECEIVED OFFER TO SPEAK FROM DR. MABEL SMYTHE.

2. DR. SMYTHE, A PHD ECONOMIST, IS PRESENTLY VICE-PRESIDENT OF PHELPS-STOKES FUND. SOME OF HER ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE: MEMBER U.S. NAT COMM UNESCO, 1965-70; MEM. ADV. COUNCIL AFRICAN AFFAIRS U.S. STATE DEPT. 1962-69; CONS. MEM. ADV. COM. OPERATION CROSSROADS AFRICA 1958-65; AND MEM. PUB. AFFAIRS COM. NAT YWCA, 1959-65. HER PUBLISHED WORKS INCLUDE: THE NEW NIGERIAN ELITE, 1960; CURRICULUM

FOR UNDERSTANDING, 1965; AND AMERICAN NEGRO REFERENCE BOOK, 1973. THE NEW NIGERIAN ELITE WAS WRITTEN IN COLLABORATION
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WITH HER HUSBAND, HUGH H. SYMTHE, FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR

TO SYRIA.

3. DR. SMYTHE WILL BE VISITING EAST AFRICA IN MID-MARCH

AND IS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE IF TIMING PERMITS. WOULD EXPECT GOL PROVIDE LOCAL EXPENSES PER MASERU 109.

4. FYI - MAIN PURPOSE SMYTHE AFRICA TRIP IS TO DISCUSS EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES WITH AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES. SHE EARLIER EXPRESSED INTEREST IN UBLS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS SO FAR DISCOURAGED INITIATIVE. DOES EMBASSY FEEL SITUATION SUFFICIENTLY CHANGED TO PERMIT SMYTHE ENTER TALKS WITH UBLS OFFICIALS? ADVISE.

5. REQUEST POST PROVIDE AS MUCH INFO AS POSSIBLE ABOUT FORMAT OF CONFERENCE TO ASSIST DR. SMYTHE IN PLANNING HER PRESENTATION. INGERSOLL

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